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MENT CARTEL

1. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION INTO AN ALLEGED INTERNATIONAL CARTEL INVOLVING ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS.
2. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION, JUSTICE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE EMBASSY CAN READILY OBTAIN CONCERNING A 1974 ARGENTINA COURT CASE, EMPRESA NACIONAL DE TELECOMUNICACIONES (ENTEL) VS. SIEMENS AND ITT. THE CASE, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS STILL BEING LITIGATED, REPORT-EDLY INVOLVES COLLUSION AND OVERCHARGING.
3. JUSTICE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE CHARGES AGAINST SIEMENS AND ITT AND THE DEFENSE PRESENTED THUS FAR BY THE TWO COMPANIES. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SUMMARIES OF THE CASE HAVE ALREADY BEEN PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPERS OR JOURNALS. IF COPIES OF THE FILINGS IN THE CASE ARE READILY AND PUB-
LICLY AVAILABLE FROM THE COURT OR OTHER SOURCES, PLEASE AIR
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